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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the items entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003", "Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005" and "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d' Ivoire" and to allocate them to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d' Ivoire under the three agenda items at its 20th, 22nd and 29th meetings, on 21 and 26 November and 18 December 2003. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.20, 22 and 29).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Fifth Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Mission in Côte d' Ivoire for the period from 13 May 2003 to 30 June 2004 (A/58/370);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Mission in Côte d' Ivoire (A/58/598);

(c) Letter dated 27 October 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/58/535);

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(d) Letter dated 29 October 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/12);

(e) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/538).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.37

4. At its 29th meeting, on 18 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d' Ivoire" (A/C.5/58/L.37), which was submitted by the representative of the Netherlands and Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.37 without a vote (see para. 7).

6. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Botswana (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the African Group) and Japan.

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 13 May 2003 to 30 June 2004,[1] the note by the Secretary-General concerning the budget for the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Having also considered the letter dated 27 October 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly[4] and the letter dated 29 October 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee[5] regarding the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire,

1. *Reaffirms*, in the context of the decision of the Security Council with respect to the financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire, the role of the General Assembly, as set out in Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations, as the organ to consider and approve the budget of the Organization, as well as the apportionment of its expenses among Member States;

[1] A/58/370.
[2] A/58/598.
[3] A/58/538.
[4] A/58/535.
[5] A/C.5/58/12.

2. *Notes* that the financing of the Mission up to now has been provided in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

3. *Decides*, as a provisional and exceptional measure, to finance the Mission up to the expiration of its current mandate in accordance with the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations under the regular budget;

4. *Decides also* that the issue of the most appropriate funding for the Mission upon the renewal of its mandate should be considered by the General Assembly at the first part of its resumed fifty-eighth session, in the context of established norms and practice;

5. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to bring to the attention of the President of the Security Council the contents of the present resolution.